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18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Welcome to Fairport UMC! We embrace the gift of diversity of our community and our world and proclaim that all persons are created in God's image. We celebrate all ways that the human family of Christ finds its diversity. Our vision is to nurture ALL people on their life journeys and to bring God's love to the world. *Disposable masks are available in the coatroom and narthex for those who would like one.*

CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! There is a cart in the Narthex with Children's Activity Bags. We love to have children stay in worship. We are not currently offering a staffed nursery, but the nursery room is available and open to parents and little ones. The service is also livestreamed in the nursery so you and your child can still participate in worship!
Note: Sunday School (children/youth/adult) during the school year is at 9am.

OPEN TABLE

Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and all, including children, are welcome at the table. We use gluten/dairy free bread. If you would prefer not to receive communion but would like a blessing, please indicate that to the pastor.

WORSHIP ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

*indicates to stand as you are able
bold print indicates congregational response
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (large blue hymnal)
FWS – The Faith We Sing (small black hymnal)
W&S – Worship & Song (small green hymnal)

FUMC is a Reconciling Congregation where all persons of any age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnic origin, economic reality, family status, sexual orientation, diverse ability or social status are welcome without reservation to share in God's love.

ORDER OF WORSHIP — SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

The chimes call us to gather as we prepare our hearts to worship God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you!**

PRELUDE *Children's Medley* Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Joanna Harader, *Spacious Faith*)

Can God spread a table in the wilderness?
In the sight of our ancestors, God worked marvels.
Can God spread a table in the wilderness?
In the land of Egypt God divided the sea and let them pass through it.
Can God spread a table in the wilderness?
God led them with a cloud by day and a fiery light by night.
Can God spread a table in the wilderness?
God split rocks open and made waters flow down like rivers.
God can spread a table in the wilderness?
God has spread a table in the wilderness.
Let us now receive the nourishment God offers, and give thanks.

*HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH 127

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (Beth Merrill Neel, *Hold Fast to What Is Good*)

Within the strength of community, in the power of silence, we come before God with the truth of our lives, trusting in the mercy and love of our Creator. Let us offer our confession before God and each other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Beth Merrill Neel, *Hold Fast to What Is Good*)

Holy God, we know that in so many ways
We have run from you,
We have ignored your call,
We have closed our eyes to your presence,
We have disbelieved your mercy,
We have disregarded your words,
We have belittled ourselves,
We have forsaken others.
So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness. We ask you to stay with us as we turn away from what is wrong and hurtful to what is bright and life-giving.

WORDS OF GRACE (Beth Merrill Neel, *Hold Fast to What Is Good*)

God's love abounds for us, forgiving us
and restoring us to community with God and one another.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 17:1-7

For the Word of God in Scripture; For the Word of God among us;
For the Word of God within us. **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30) 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY

(9:00) *Elevation in B Major* Benoit

(10:30) *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You* Althouse
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Adapted from UMC Discipleship Ministries)

Humble Savior, you meet us at the start of every day and invite us to take on the mind of Christ. As we bring these gifts, set aside in us the need to win, to hoard, to be first. Shape us instead for love, for shared work, for joy in serving side by side. Use what we offer to build a community where mercy is instinctive and hope rises in every heart. Keep forming us, not by force but by grace, until our living begins to look like Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN *You Who Are Thirsty* FWS 2132

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:23-32

For the Word of God in Scripture; For the Word of God among us;
For the Word of God within us. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE *Even from Rock* Pastor Sam Smith

*HYMN *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* UMH 438

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Manz

Let us take these few moments for preparation,
for worship is over .... the service begins.

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are from Marlene Farrington in celebration of the beautiful Fall Season!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Wally Robinson who has a broken femur (Joy's dad / Paul's brother).
- For Blake (age 13) who will have a 5th open heart surgery on 9/25 (Amy Scarsella).
- For Marvin who is home recovering from two foot surgeries (Judy Gray's brother).
- For Martha Dove who is recovering from surgery on 9/23 (Judy Gray's Aunt).
- For our country, and for peace in our world.

We pray for those who are in need of continued healing

FUMC Members: Ed Lewek, Bob Grow, Courtney Pedersen, the Osmers family, Linda Marsters, Roger Woodin, Richard Law, Josh Pedersen, Marcia Joy, Barbara Thieme, Arlene Herrington

Family / Friends: Becky Gualtieri, Shirley Robinson, David Klein, Annette Galloway, Barb, Katelyn, Betsy B, Hannah, Audrey, Dan Mousseau, Ellen, Liz, Tracy, Leann Strait, Nancy Shaw, Lisa Rising-Patchen, Karin Mihal Smith, Debbi Hoagland, David, Killian Hall, Rob Wilson

We pray for all those who are homebound or in nursing homes

Heather Malvarosa, Marjorie Rose, Betty Brandt, Gary Nelson, Carol Snow, Cindy Stanton, Marge Vanderburgh, Wally Robinson (CT), Carolyn Hebert (KY)

Service Music Text

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go?

Lord, I give my soul to you; I seek your care and love.
No other blessings do I need, but those from you above.

Lord, I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand.
And, Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand.

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go?
I stretch my hands to you. Amen.

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Announcements

...to our summer musicians who shared their talents in worship... *Avery, Abby, Emily, Dan Adams, Jay Blaufuss, Rebecca Camilleri, Ed Caskey, Greta Crowell, Phoebe Grow, Anneliese Leinenbach, Andrew Soucier, Linda Sniedze Taggart, Steve Triola, Bill Wagoner, Kathy Whitlock, Julie & Tobin Woodruff, and Jodi & Peter Zajkowski!*

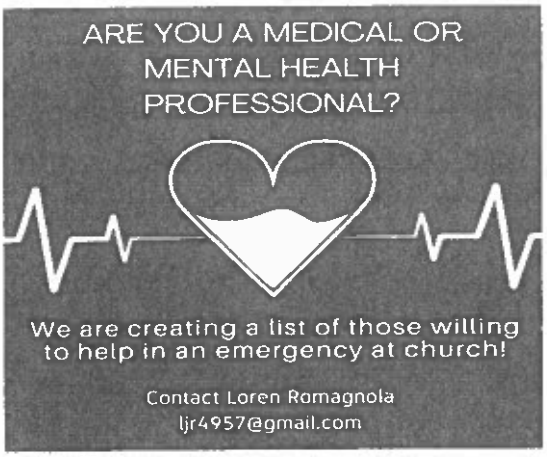
Thank you for sharing your musical gifts with all of us!

Following the second service on **Sunday, October 18th**, we will begin the year-long celebration of **Fairport UMC's 150 Anniversary** with a **Gala buffet** catered luncheon in Fellowship Hall.
There is no cost to attend this buffet.
There will be an opportunity to make a free will offering.

There will also be child care available following the meal during the program portion of the gala. There is a signup board in the narthex so we can have an accurate headcount The deadline for RSVPing is Sunday, October 11th.

We're very excited for the 150th anniversary of Fairport United Methodist Church! Our committee is busy planning the luncheon and we are looking for volunteers to help with setup, serving and clean up. A shift would not last longer than an hour and a half.

For anyone interested in helping please contact Nancy Beaman at 585-455-4213 (call or text) or by email. ***Thank you!***



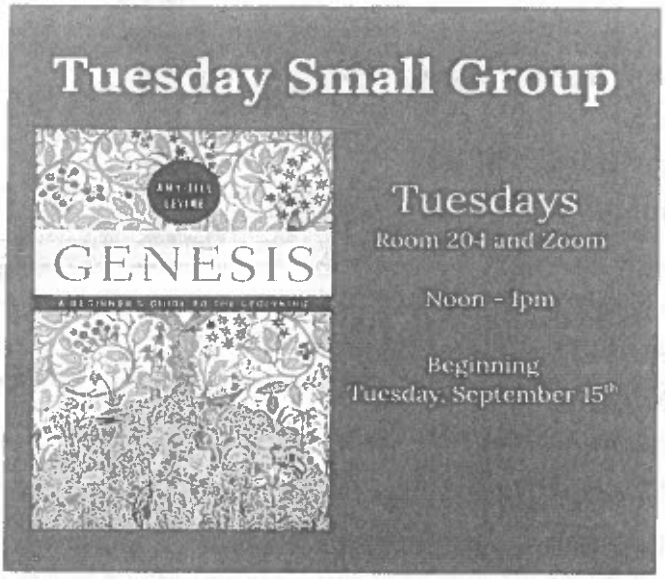
The Worship Ministry Team is creating a list of medical and mental health professionals who would be willing to help in emergency situations at church.

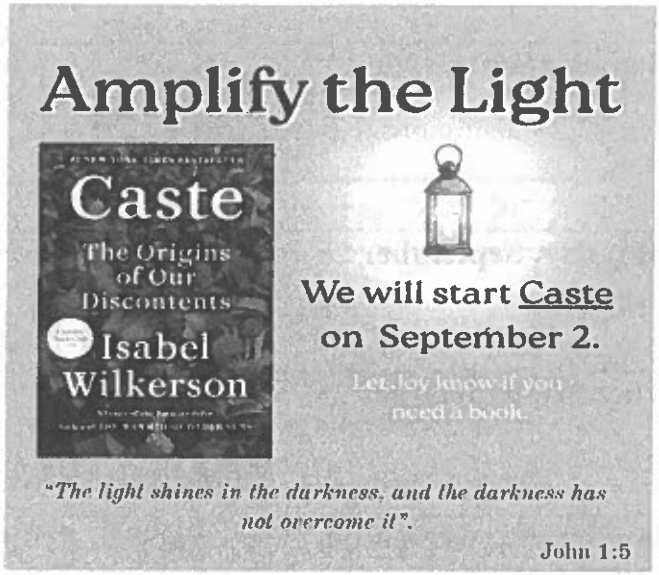
Please contact Loren Romagnola (ljr4957@gmail.com) to be added to this important list! ***Thank you!***

Upper NY United Women in Faith

Our Annual Meeting is October 17 from 10-3 at Fayetteville UMC. Our speaker is Tara Barnes who is one of our Deaconess. We will also celebrate 70 years of women's Ordination in our churches. The cost is $20.00 which includes lunch.

Please contact Lori Lorraine llorrain@rochester.rr.com if you are interested in attending.





There is a donation box in the coatroom.

Volunteer and **Food Donation** sign-up sheets for "Beyond These Walls" shelter visits are on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Please contact Judy Bermudez judybermudez@hotmail.com) or Sue Striegel (sgolembe@gmail.com) for additional information.

Sign up to sing in the Cantata Choir! Rehearsals begin October 14.

See the music bulletin board in the main hallway with the schedule, details, and sign-up sheet!

E-mail nicole@fairportumc.org for more info.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 27	9am 10:30am 12:30pm 4pm | 5pm	Worship, Sunday School, Adult Forum Worship Sunday Dinner – K only Youth Group | BTW Shelter Visit
Monday, September 28	1pm 4pm 7pm	Godmothers – 204 UWIF Book Club – P Scouts – FH
Tuesday, September 29	10:15am 12pm 6:30pm	Staff Meeting Small Group – 204 Joyful Noise – 206
Wednesday, September 30	5:45pm 7pm	Amplify the Light – 204/Zoom Chancel Choir – 113, S
Thursday, October 1	6:30pm	Bell Choir – S
Friday, October 2	10:30am 7:30pm	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite) Al Anon – FH
Saturday, October 3	Noon	Al Anon – FH
Sunday, October 4	9am 10:30am 4pm	Worship, Sunday School, Adult Forum Worship Youth Group

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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Custodian - Jamie Gualtieri	

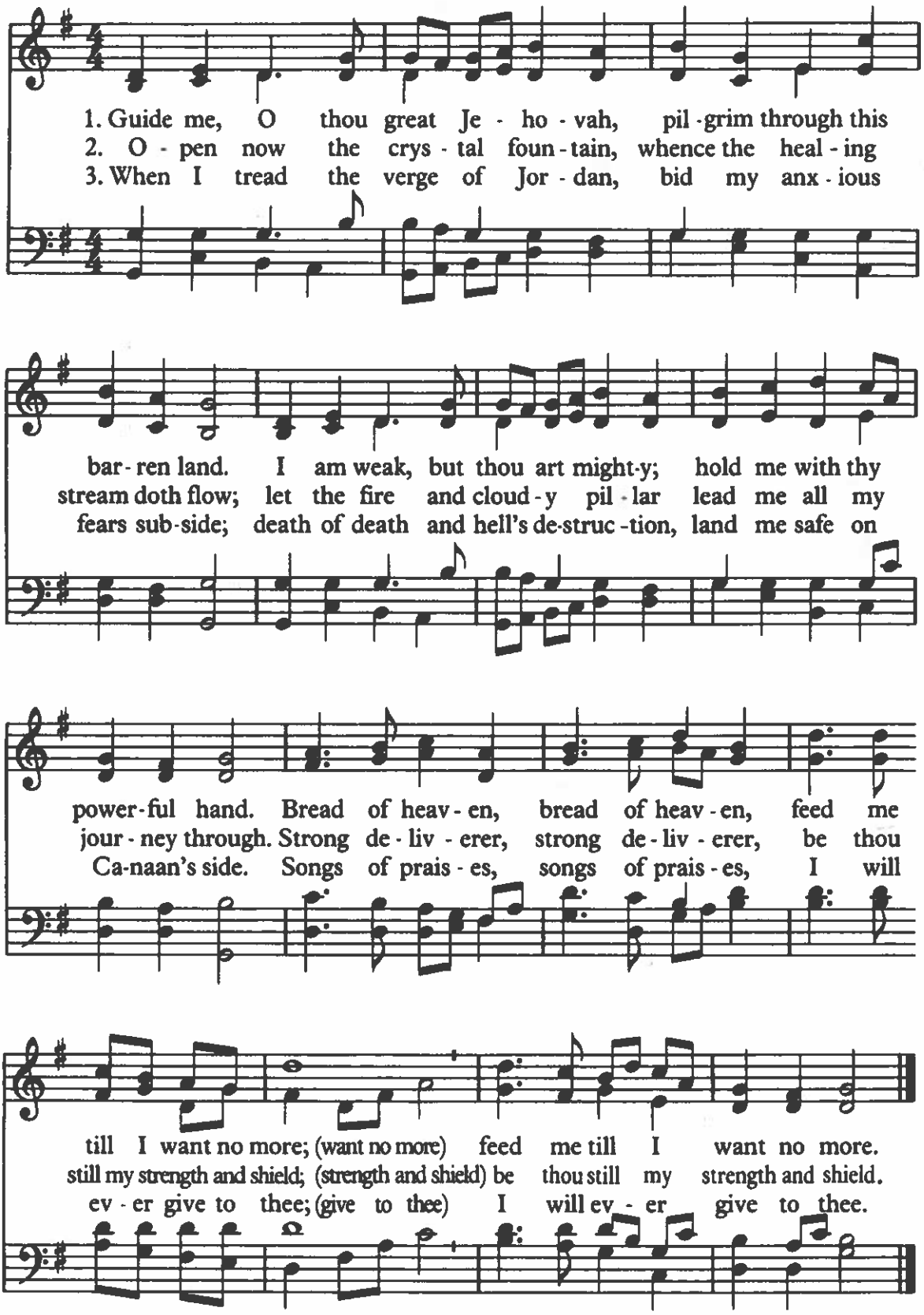
HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Tom Deever

Readers: 9am—Nancy Romagnola 10:30am—Sam Pfund

Thank you to this week's **Feed the Spirit** volunteers.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 127



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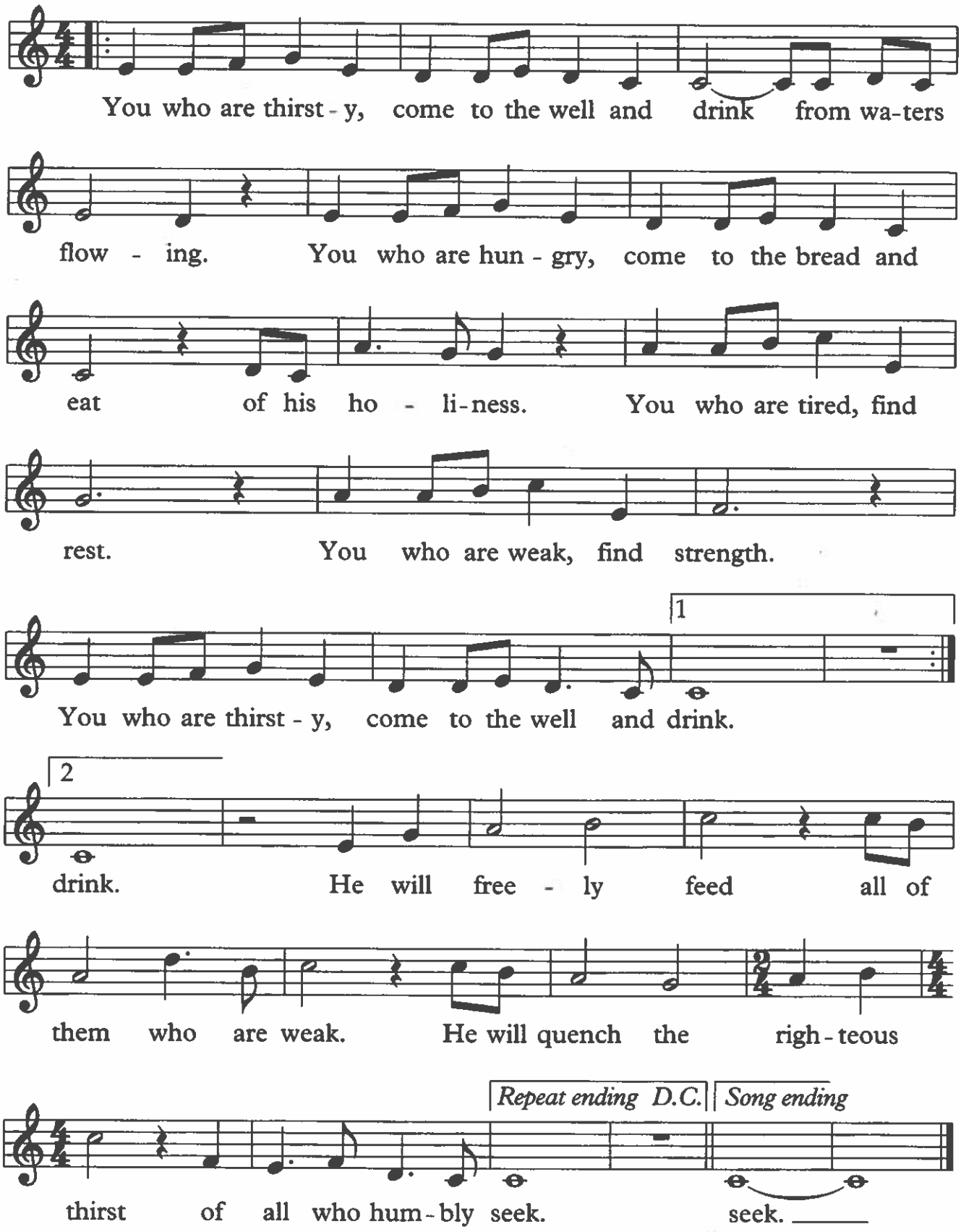
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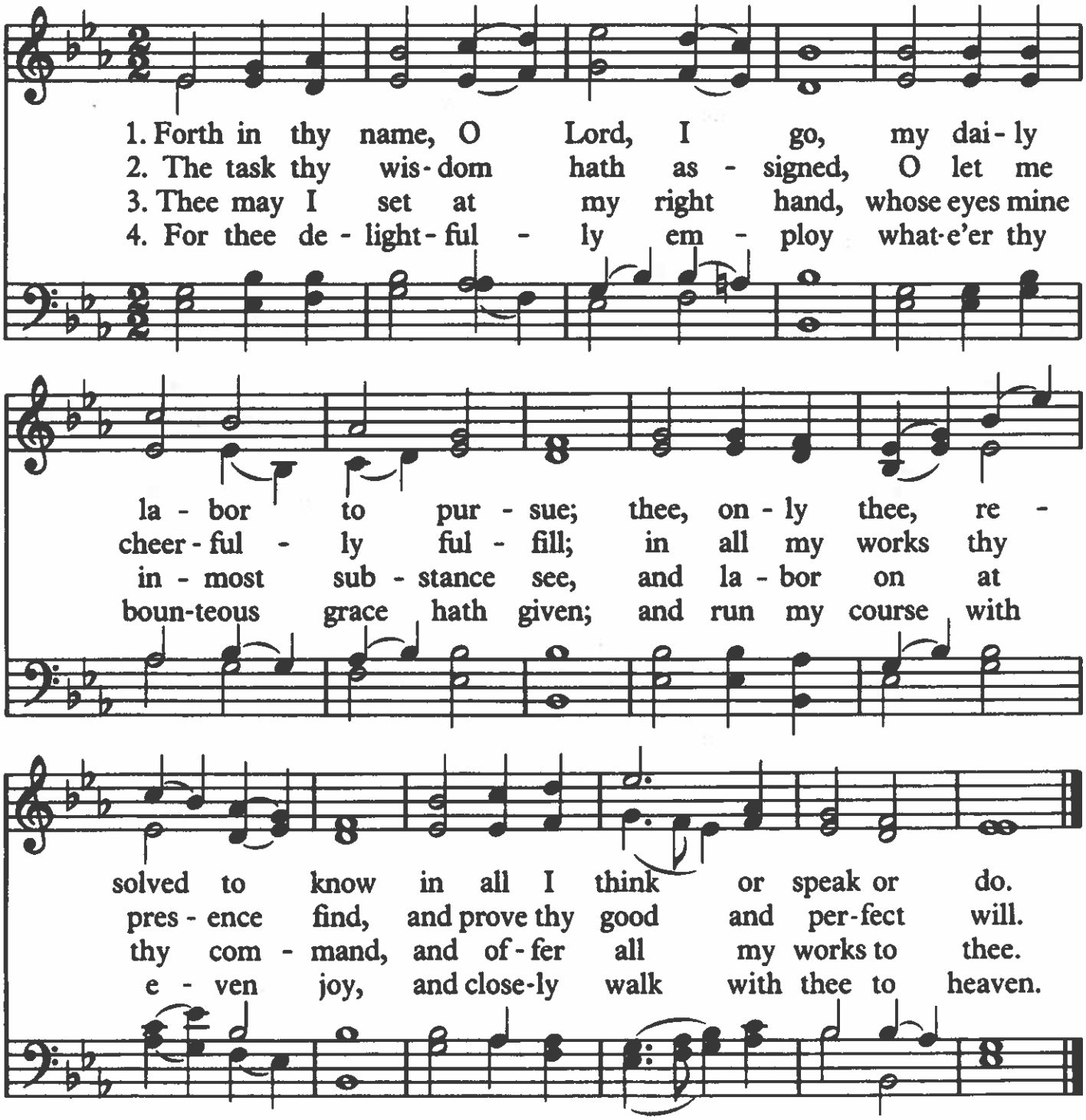
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